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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **City and SRAC officials talk about vision for Shreveport Common**

Mayor Cedric Glover, the City Council and the Shreveport Regional Arts Council will host a press conference Tuesday, June 14 at 2:45 p.m. at Government Plaza to talk about the vision for Shreveport Common.

Tuesday's event will preview "Discover Shreveport Common," which is happening Saturday, June 18, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Triangle at the corner of Crockett and Common Streets. The community will get an up close and personal look at how the arts will stimulate the economy to help revitalize this part of the City already rich with history and architectural landmarks. Attendees also will be encouraged to tour the nine-block area.

"Discover Shreveport Common" will provide an opportunity for people to experience the vision for this neighborhood through art installations, street vendors, live music, artists, sidewalk cafes, children's activities and trolley tours. Gregory Free and the Shreveport Common design team will present the virtual plan they've created.

Last August, Mayor Glover announced that SRAC had been awarded a \$100,000 Mayor's Institute on City Design Grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. That grant was dedicated to designing a plan to renovate the Central Fire Station and to create an overall plan for this western-most part of downtown Shreveport. SRAC raised \$150,000 to match the grant and then engaged in an intense 10-month planning process.

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